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## **Gov. Cellucci visits Hanscom**

Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, Electronic Systems Center commander welcomes Massachusetts Gov. Argeo Paul Cellucci to Hanscom as Brig. Gen. Ted McFarland, ESC vice commander (right) and Col. Lee Hughes, director of the commander's staff look on. Cellucci, in his first visit to Hanscom, addressed the Massachusetts Newspaper Publisher's Association at its annual meeting, held at the Officers' Club, Dec. 3. (photo by Linda LaBonte Britt)



## **Education office to undergo cost comparison study**

A cost comparison of Base Education and Training affecting seven Air Force enlisted and nine civilians was announced Tuesday by Col. James Jackson, 66th Air Base Wing vice commander.

The cost comparison, commonly known as an A-76 study, is projected to be completed in May 2000 and will be conducted under the auspices of Air Force Pamphlet 26-12 which implements the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76; Performance of Commercial Activities. Because the civilian study population is less than 51, no congressional announcement or notification is required.

Transition to either a government civilian-run or contract organization will occur by November 2000.

This action reaffirms the government's policy to rely on the private sector for products and services. When in-house performance of commercial activities is not required for national defense reasons, and contracting is cost-effective, conversion to contract performance is in the best interest of the American taxpayer.

When a competition between in-house and contract performance determines contracting is more cost-effective, OMBC A-76 and Federal Acquisition Regulations require the contractor to offer adversely-affected civilian employees the right of first refusal for job openings under the contract, for which they are qualified.

Military personnel involved in the cost-comparison

will ultimately be transferred.

Since the Department of Defense is sensitive to the personal impact this action may have on civilian employees, the DoD Program for Stability of Civilian Employment ensures every effort is made to help those adversely-affected civilians who desire placement assistance.

These employees are registered in the Defense-wide, computerized, Priority Placement Program and receive placement rights to vacancies within the Defense Department. Other federal agencies are also solicited for openings for adversely-affected employees.

When civilian employees must relocate to continue their federal employment, transportation and moving expenses are paid for by the government.

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## Straight Talk

Straight Talk provides two-way communication between the 66th Air Base Wing commander and people on base.

A 24 hour-a-day telephone line and E-mail account (STRAIGHT TALK) are set up as ways for Hanscom's population to submit questions, complaints or comments, anonymously, if desired. All concerns are personally reviewed by the wing commander.

However, the quickest and most efficient way to communicate comments or complaints is to go right to the source. To assist you, we've listed points of contact and telephone numbers for several key support organizations.

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■ 66th Support Group Commander	Col. Peggy A. Shaw.....3-2302
■ ESC Senior Enlisted Advisor	Chief Master Sgt. Michael Kerver.....3-5115
■ Medical Commander	Col. Patrick F. Phelan.....3-4703
■ Civil Engineer Commander	Lt. Col. Patrick R. Daly.....3-3526
■ Services Commander	



**Col. Chris T. Anzalone**  
66th Air Base Wing commander

Also, don't forget your supervisor, commander or first sergeant, they're there to help you.

If you are not satisfied with the response you receive, or are unable to solve the problem, please call the Straight Talk hot line at 3-3732.

Maj. Chris P. Wright.....3-3901
■ Mission Support Squadron Commander
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## Same day appointments

**Q** I know that TRICARE Prime is fairly new here, but I recently had surgery on my foot and was having pain and wanted to get a same-day appointment. The operator told me that wasn't considered an emergency and that same-day appointments were for emergencies.

What's considered an emergency for same-day appointments?

**A** This was an error on the operator's part. Same-day appointments are not for emergencies. These appointments are specifically set aside for patients who do not require the services of an emergency room but who have symptoms that require treatment that day.

You decide if you need a same-day appointment, not the operator at Sierra (the TRICARE contractor). If you feel you need to see a physician that day for an acute illness and the Sierra operator cannot accommodate you, please call the Nurse's Station directly at the Clinic, 3-5007, to request assistance.

## Vehicle decals

**Q** At the beginning of October, I purchased a new car and went to vehicle registration to apply for a base sticker. The airman explained that she didn't have any of the stickers that said "Hanscom AFB" but the new stickers would be available sometime soon. I returned to the vehicle registration one month later and was told the stickers still weren't in. While the partial sticker gets me on base, I'm concerned that I may get stopped if I try to get onto another base. What is taking so long? When will the "Hanscom AFB" stickers be available?

**A** First of all, you have everything you need (the blue and white DD Form 2220) to ensure com-

plete access to all military installations. The colored "Hanscom AFB" decals, which ran out in October, are considered non-mission essential and were funded last. Security Forces had allotted their funds for mission-essential items first, like ammunition, the upkeep of their vehicles and food for their military working dogs. The decals are partially funded now, and on order.

As soon as they come in, security forces will publicize it through the Hansconian, a base-wide e-mail, and the Retiree Newsletter.

## Inspection tickets

**Q** I just got home and found a ticket for the leaves on my front lawn, and according to the ticket, I have to rake them by tomorrow! This short notice is ridiculous. I understand we have some important visitors coming to the base, but it's really not fair to give us a short-notice ticket like this.

**A** I apologize to everyone who received these short-notice courtesy tickets. I know it was frustrating because the holiday weekend and the windy weather prevented you from doing any yard work for at least a week, and I want to thank you for the tremendous job you did in getting your areas cleaned up. I can tell you that our visitors have been very impressed with how beautiful our housing residents keep their yards.

I also want to clarify that these were not tickets that would have gone on your record. They were courtesy tickets, which accomplish two things: they ask for your help, and warn you that you may get a "real" ticket during the next routine inspection.

The tickets that go on your housing record are actual forms that say "Housing Yard Inspection Ticket," and are given out only on Tuesdays during routine inspections. They require you to take corrective action by Thursday. I'm sorry for the confusion about this, and again, thank you for your hard work.

## Don't lose what you've earned — donate it

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — Federal employees facing the loss of their excess annual leave Jan. 2 can donate it instead.

All federal agencies have a donor leave program that helps employees who don't have enough annual or sick leave to cover long absences, such as for a medical or family emergency, surgical recovery, illness, a death in the family or birth of a child. A person's personnel shop verifies eligibility —

one general measure is whether the absence would cause an employee to go without pay for at least 80 hours.

Normally, federal employees can't carry over more than 240 hours of annual leave into a new leave year, which starts Jan. 2 in 1999. They forfeit excesses without any form of credit. Department of Defense employees gave up 473,578 hours in 1997, according to the Office of Personnel Manage-

ment. At middle GS-7 pay of \$15 per hour, that lost leave would have been worth more than \$7 million in donations.

DOD employees can donate leave to a beneficiary by name or to an agency pool that divides the gifts to eligible recipients.

To make a donation, fill out a leave recipient application and give it to your supervisor. Call or visit your personnel office for general and agency donation rules.

## Retirement system open season ends soon

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — There is still time for federal employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System, CSRS Offset and certain employees covered under Social Security to switch to the Federal Employees Retirement System.

The open season expires Dec. 31.

This could be the last opportunity for eligible employees to transfer to FERS under any circumstances, according to civilian personnel officials.

Employees eligible to make this election can familiarize themselves with available resources by visiting the Air Force Personnel Center's web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/palacecompass](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/palacecompass). At the AFPC web site, click on the Employees, Supervisors and Managers section, then click on the Benefits and Entitlements Information Section, and then click on FERS Open Season.

AFPC officials recommend employees do the

necessary research before calling the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team or, if not serviced by BEST, their servicing civilian personnel office. They suggest that employees visit the various web sites available, read the FERS transfer handbook and run the calculations.

There is also information available on the Office of Personnel Management's Internet web site at [www.opm.gov/fers\\_election](http://www.opm.gov/fers_election). The web site includes details on any future satellite broadcasts, the FERS transfer handbook, the FERS computer transfer model, a quick-decision page, frequently asked questions and an employee resources page.

Personnel officials encourage employees not to wait until the last two weeks of the open season to contact a benefits counselor for additional information.





photo by Linda LaBonte Britt

## Welcome

Dr. Hal Sorenson greets Lt. Gen. Stewart Cranston and (right) Brig. Gen. Ted McFarland at MITRE, during part of Cranston's recent tour of Hanscom and MITRE.

## Base to sponsor lifesaving blood drive Monday at Chapel

by **2nd Lt. Ben Apple**  
NASM Operational Deployment Manager

Hanscom is sponsoring a blood drive Monday, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Chapel.

The goal is 113 blood donations, which will be the most donations since February 1996.

This December, blood is being donated to support patients such as Melissa, a daughter of a Lawrence firefighter who undergoes treatment for immune globulin A / immune globulin G subclass deficiency. Melissa's immune system for her lungs and head area is low. Because of this condition, Melissa receives blood transfusions every three weeks. These blood transfusions have saved her life and have been made possible by unknown heroes such as donors at Hanscom.

Typically, it takes about an hour from the time a donor registers at the blood drive until he or she enjoys a snack and

departs (the actual donation takes just 10 minutes).

Everyday, families learn that a loved one has been injured or is critically ill. They are counting on heroes in our midst to donate blood. Over the past year, patients at Lahey Clinic received 18,000 blood products from local Red Cross blood donors to help treat patients. This load requires the American Red Cross to distribute 1,500 units of red blood cells to hospitals in our area daily.

So, do you have an hour to spare? If you do, your gift of time and blood will become a gift of life.

In Massachusetts, you may be eligible to donate if you are at least 17 years of age and weigh more than 110 pounds. In addition, you must not be at risk for hepatitis or HIV infection.

Appointments are encouraged. To schedule an appointment, call 3-9135. If you have questions regarding blood donations, call 1-800-give-life.

## OWC, BX offer gift wrapping for the holidays

by **Master Sgt. Daryl Mayer**  
ESC Public Affairs

The Hanscom Officers' Wives' Club and the Base Exchange are again offering a gift wrapping service in the BX mini-mall.

They will continue wrapping, during the normal BX operating hours, until Dec. 24.

The gift wrapping service is open to everyone, even if they didn't purchase their gifts at the BX.

Pricing is based on a donation system.

All the money raised by the club goes right back into the Hanscom community through the OWC scholarship fund.

Any child or spouse of any military member, whether active or retired, can apply for the scholarships.

The amount of scholarships given each year depends on the amount of money the club raises.



photo by Linda LaBonte Britt

Debbie Chappa and Jenna Flowers wrap up a few gifts for a customer at the BX.

## Chapel holds Menorah lighting ceremony

The Base Jewish Community will gather outside to light the first candle of the base Menorah Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. The eight-day festival of lights recalls the first fight for religious freedom in recorded history. The lighting will take place on the Chapel lawn.



## In memoriam

Scott Corey, son of Roger and Jean Corey, passed away Dec. 7 after a construction accident. Scott was 30-years-old with a family of four children from ages two to 12. The family had no insurance and the employer carried no liability insurance. A memorial fund is established through the

Hanscom Federal Credit Union under the account:

**Scott Corey Memorial Fund**  
C/O Hanscom Federal Credit Union

1610 Eglin St.  
Hanscom AFB, MA 01731

A memorial service is scheduled for Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Hanscom Chapel.



## Reservists, Guardsmen get extra commissary visits

**FORT LEE, Va. (AFPN)** — Reserve and National Guard members now have 12 additional commissary shopping visits during the last days of 1998.

In October, Congress passed the 1999 Defense Authorization Act, which grants 24 commissary visits annually for reservists and guardsmen. The new law also gives reservists 12 commissary visits in 1998, in addition to the 12 they already had.

"Gray-area" reservists who have retired from the reserve, but who have not yet reached age 60 also get the 12 additional commissary shopping visits in 1998. Reservists who are called to active duty enjoy full-time commissary shopping privileges.

"Unused visits, including the additional 12 visits for 1998, do not carry over from one calendar year to the next. If reservists do not use their commissary visits during December, the visits will be gone come the first day of January," said Kaye Fannin, Defense Commissary Agency consumer affairs advocate here.

"We definitely want the men and women of the Reserve and National Guard to use their additional visits before the end of the year. To accommodate Reserve members using their additional 12 commissary visits in 1998, commissary personnel will date and initial 12-visit 1998 Commissary Privilege Cards a second time, as necessary.

"The commissary benefit is part of the non pay compensation of our reserve forces," said Fannin.

Guard and Reserve personnel who want additional information about their commissary shopping privileges should contact their units or talk with the commissary officer where they shop.

## Invest in America ... Buy Savings Bonds

# Logging into the new millennium

by **Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Fidler**  
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN)** — Logging into the new millennium may present a tough problem for computer users because most computers will appear to work normally after Jan. 1, 2000. With less than 400 days to go, finding the glitches is the tricky part to the year 2000 computer problem.

"If the date is wrong, you can continue to operate the computer," said Capt. Chris Lowe, one of Air Mobility Command's Y2K watchers. "But for systems dependent on the correct date, it could be two or three weeks before anyone realizes there's a problem. Then we have a massive data recovery problem."

The date is the crucial element to the year 2000 computer bug, a relatively simple problem that would cost an enormous amount of time and money to fix by manually changing millions of lines of code.

Thirty years ago, software programmers had little disk space to use. It became standard practice for programmers to use two-digit dates to save that space, not realizing it would eventually affect millions of homes and businesses worldwide. After Jan. 1, 2000, computers might not recognize 2000 dates because of the program coding identifying dates using the last two digits of the year.

This presents two concerns to the average computer user: the computer hardware itself and the application software running it.

### The date glitch:

The vast majority of personal computers likely have a Y2K problem, Lowe said. The most common failure is the rollover to 2000, which can be fixed after Jan. 1, 2000, by re-setting the real-time clock through the date command in the disk operating system.

"Probably .5 percent of all PCs won't accept it," Lowe said. "That means you'll have to buy a new computer if the date is of utmost importance to you. The alternative is you leave it on the wrong date."

The computer will still work, but the date will be wrong. If all you use the computer for is word-processing documents and playing games, no big deal."

If a computer is on during the century rollover, the operating system will automatically advance to year 2000, according to Franklin Neal, an electronic engineer with the Air Force Communications Agency here.

"In some real-time clocks, however, the century memory location is not updated when the clock date rolls from the year 99 to year 00. The bad century date will not be noticed as long as the power is on."

He explained that if the computer is turned off during the rollover, or if the computer is turned on later, the wrong century date will be transferred to the operating system when the computer powers up.

"Microsoft operating systems do not allow dates before 1980, so most PCs will report the date as 1-04-1980 (on Jan. 4, 2000)," he said.

When the date is corrected, the new century information is stored.

### Y2K testing:

PC users can test their machines now to find out if they are Y2K compliant.

"There are a number of programs available on the Internet to check your computer. We recom-

mend the one from the National Software Testing Laboratories, called YMARK2000," Lowe said. This program tests two things: whether the real-time clock will update itself and to see if the computer will roll over to 2000.

The test is free and is available on the Air Force Communications Agency web site at [www.afca.scott.af.mil/tc/tca/tcaa/index.htm](http://www.afca.scott.af.mil/tc/tca/tcaa/index.htm). Other testing and product-compliance information is available on the Air Force Year 2000 web site at <http://year2000.af.mil>.

Some Y2K web sites recommend a manual date test. Lowe cautions against this.

"We don't recommend a manual test for a couple of reasons. First of all, never do it at work. Some software packages used by the military are specifically licensed for a certain period of time. When testing manually, you have to change the clock on your computer. If you change the date on the clock, that software will not work unless you buy another license. Also, if you manually test, then your network password will expire. It's not worth it when you have other programs available free to use."

The manual test should be used only on mission-critical PCs where the date function is absolutely crucial and under the guidance of the unit's work group manager.

### Software glitches:

Lowe said the vast majority of software applications support two-digit and four-digit years.

"The problem comes in how the user types in the information. Say I type in Jan. 1, 98, and hit the return button. It assumes it's 1998. If I were to type in Jan. 1, 05, it displays Jan 1, 05 but it might assume that it's 1905, and there's no way it knows that I'm using two-digit dates.

He said the best thing to do is to begin a standard business practice of always typing a four-digit date, so the computer always displays a four-digit date.

One date glitch that affects most computer users occurs in the Windows 95 file-managing program, Explorer. The Year 2000 web site provides a Microsoft Corporation report stating the program displays the wrong date for files created after Jan. 1, 2000. Microsoft offers

the fix, and the Air Force Communications Agency provides copies of its test reports. It's available at the Y2K Product Compliance link.

### Archived data:

Archived data and programs have date limitations, which means they can only project so many years into the future.

"Reprogramming could fix that, but it would get very expensive," Lowe explained. For 30 years of archived data saved under two-digit years, the cost-effective and simple solution is to create a window of dates the software recognizes. Two-digit dates that fall within the window will be recognized properly. "But sooner or later you're going to run out of years. You can go in and change all the data, but that's extremely costly in terms of money and disk space. If you go in and change the date fields from two to four digits, that's adding 25 to 33 percent to all the data fields." That also takes an enormous amount of time and disk space. (Courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service)





photo by Rob Trubia

## Back to school

Julie L. Shiner, ESC Defense Information Infrastructure System Program Office, instructs the Modeling, Simulation and Training Product Area Directorate's four-day command and control training management course. Fifty-two ESC personnel have attended the course. The next course is scheduled for Jan. 11 to 14. The MST PAD also offers a half-day executive-level course which will be conducted Jan. 7. Anyone who would like to sign up for either of these courses should contact Herb Mores at 3-9130.

## Recruiting officers sought

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Officers looking for a shot to command a squadron and impact the Air Force of tomorrow should consider special duty as a commander in Air Force Recruiting Service, said service officials.

Air Force Recruiting Service is searching for officers to fill 13 openings for recruiting squadron commanders. These positions open in 1999.

Officers with strong records and great leadership skills, who possess the image and communicative skills to represent the Air Force, should complete an Air Force Form 3849. The completed form, along with the top five prioritized preferences, last five Officer Performance Reports, and resume should be sent to HQ AETC/DPAOE, 1850 First Street West, Suite 1, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4308, by Dec. 31.

Recruiting service has 28 squadrons across the nation. Each squadron commander billet is coded for a lieutenant colonel, although senior majors fill some. The projected locations are:

- 311th Recruiting Squadron, Canonsburg, Pa.
- 314th Recruiting Squadron, Burlington, N.J.
- 318th Recruiting Squadron, New Cumberland, Pa.
- 319th Recruiting Squadron, Portsmouth, N.H.
- 336th Recruiting Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.
- 337th Recruiting Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.
- 338th Recruiting Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 341st Recruiting Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 342nd Recruiting Squadron, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 343rd Recruiting Squadron, Bellevue, Neb.
- 347th Recruiting Squadron, Milwaukee, Wis.
- 364th Recruiting Squadron, McClellan AFB, Calif.
- 368th Recruiting Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah

A typical squadron is tasked to enlist about 1,100 airmen, 40 to 50 health care providers, and a similar number of officer training school candidates with specialized degrees.

The commanders' tasks are to lead, motivate and manage a dispersed recruiting force, develop and implement a local advertising and publicity strategy, and serve as the senior Air Force spokesperson throughout the squadron's geographic region. The commander also assists in responding to quality-of-life issues.

For information, contact Master Sgt. Sheri Dorman, at DSN 487-3640, or send e-mail to [Sheri.Dorman@randolph.af.mil](mailto:Sheri.Dorman@randolph.af.mil).

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<http://www.hanscom.af.mil/Hansconian>

## AFPC sexual harassment hotline remains available

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPC) — The Air Force's senior leaders continue to want military and civilian employees to remain aware of the service's sexual harassment hotline, reminding those associated with the Air Force that the hotline remains open.

The Air Force Personnel Center here operates the hotline which is set up to receive sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination inquiries. The numbers are toll free 1-800-558-1404; DSN 487-7849; or commercial (210) 652-7849.

"First we expect our people to use their chain of command," said Maj. Gen. Don Lamontagne, AFPC's commander. "However, the hotline opens another channel of communication for those who have a question, concern or complaint about sexual harassment or discrimination. The Air Force has 'zero tolerance' for sexual harassment and discrimination and we take each call very seriously."

AFPC Call Center representatives initially answer all hotline calls.

Callers with a sexual harassment or discrimination concern are forwarded to a qualified social actions counselor. Counselors ensure callers understand what avenues are available and also ensure complaints are channeled to the proper authority. Counselors are standing by to take calls during normal duty hours from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., CST.

After normal duty hours, voice mail is available for callers to leave messages. Counselors return after-hours phone calls at the beginning of the following duty day. Counselors are available 24-hours a day for emergencies or when an immediate response is desired. The call center voice mail will instruct callers how to reach an after-hours counselor.

## Industry Day postponed

The Industry Day originally announced for Dec. 16 has been postponed until further notice.

If you have any questions, call Ingrid Pascall-Lopez at 3-7417 or email at [lopezi@hanscom.af.mil](mailto:lopezi@hanscom.af.mil).

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stop a crime or  
save a life,  
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# What began as a simple visit to a holiday party became a life changing experience and a chance to Remember our past

**Commentary by Airman 1st Class Jason A. Violette**  
ESC Public Affairs

*All too often we find ourselves stuck in the "9 to 5" job mentality. Sometimes we ask ourselves, what is the point of making the Air Force a career, or wonder how many more miscellaneous tasks we will be forced to add to our list of responsibilities.*

*If these thoughts have crossed your mind, then I ask you to take the time not to explore history, but to let history tell its story.*

On Tuesday, I had the privilege of joining a group of more than 20 military and civilian volunteers to visit the Veteran's Community Care Center in Lowell. Our purpose? To join local veterans for their holiday celebration, help serve their holiday meal and take a few moments of our time to talk with them.

Departing Hanscom that morning, there were various conversations on the bus as our group traveled to the center. Many seemed like they weren't sure what to expect, and I thought to myself, "what will I say to these veterans? Surely they don't understand what our new Air Force is about, with its Stealth bombers and its sophisticated Airborne Warning and Control System. What will be our common ground?"

At the veterans' center, we met more than 80 veterans who were all gathered to await

our arrival.

Both of our groups were together in one room, and in the air there was the same uneasiness that you experience on your first day of school; unsure of what to do or say.

As I glanced across the room, it was as though a huge gap in time had suddenly come together. In the eyes of the veterans, you could almost see the reflection of their thoughts as they looked at our uniforms and remembered their military days not so long ago. And for our airmen it was a reality check on how little America has done to repay the veterans for the sacrifices they made for our freedom.

Conversations began with semi-formal introductions, and tensions lifted as airmen and veterans shared stories.

As I introduced myself to one veteran, the stone-cold look on his face slowly turned to a smile. As our conversation began, we were able to learn how much we did have in common.

His career began with basic training, as had mine. Only a much more stern and physical training instructor greeted him. As he told me stories of his introduction to the military, I realized that the price I paid to enter the Air Force didn't seem quite as much as the price he paid. He humored me as he continued his story and mentioned how much he resented his military instructor, just the way I had. Yet, as his eyes glazed over with tears and his chest puffed up with pride, he told me how the harsh training he received was to be credited for the lives he was able to save when he was faced with a real-world situation.

I stopped to think about this. How often do we complain about "another readiness training class," yet this war veteran was thankful he had the chance to receive similar training.

Our conversation continued and he



photos by Walt Santos

**Airman Janet Fleeting helps to serve lunch during Tuesday's visit to the Veteran's Community Care Center in Lowell.**

shared more about his military career. His age began to show when he mentioned he was sent to military training in Colorado to learn how to use a typewriter. And again I realized that these veterans weren't strangers in any way, but that they were the 'grandfathers' and 'great grandfathers' of our present military.

As he continued, I learned that this once Army troop, now 77-year-old veteran, lacked any immediate family. He shared with me that he had not returned to his hometown since his mother passed away there more than 20 years ago. And I thought to myself as we approach the 21st century, the things that seem to matter the most to us, money, cars and the fastest computer, mean nothing to this gentleman. It was another wake up call as to how I rate the things I consider important in my life.

The day continued with lunch. The meal was courtesy of the Air Force Association Veterans Affairs. AFA members Dick Codling and Tim Coravos helped Bill Wasel, vice president of veterans affairs, make this event possible. "Bringing the food is the easy part, but it's the presence of the military volunteers that makes the difference," he told me.

Wasel also mentioned that the day wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of

Master Sgt. Godfrey Newton and Tech. Sgt. Andrea Newton who coordinated the efforts of the volunteers from base, and mostly without the assistance of all the volunteers.

After lunch, a hush came over the crowd as the AFA members presented a mini-component system and Chief Master Sgt. Michael R. Kerver, ESC Command Chief Master Sergeant presented a computer printer to the center. It was plain to see in the veterans' eyes how thankful they were.

Shortly after this presentation, our visit was ended, and it was time to return to base. Wishes were exchanged for a blessed and joyous holiday season, and then our group re-boarded the bus. For us, it seemed like only a small opportunity to help, and for the veterans it was a chance to remember just how important they are.

The question is, why do we have to wait for the holidays for this 'excuse' to visit our veterans? Many of us have been walking through the mall, or waiting at the airport, when we notice veterans proudly wearing a "retired USAF" hat or a shirt displaying the ship they were stationed on. As easy as it is to turn and continue on with our day, it takes but a second to stop, introduce yourself, and say, "thank you." Thank you for the sacrifices they made and for the pride they show in their military service.



**Tech. Sgt. Carl Perry listens to one of the veterans as they share various stories about their careers.**

**For all your fitness and recreation needs, call the Fitness and Sports Center at 3-3639.**

# The Pride of "Team Hanscom"

**Senior Airman Renelle Rivers**  
**66th Logistic Squadron**

*Duty Title:* Stock Control Analyst

**Hometown:**

Philadelphia, PA

**Birthday:**

Feb. 15, 1974

**Family status:**

Married

**Hobbies:**

Reading and writing

**Date arrived atation:**

Sept. 1995

**My pet peeve is:**

Individuals getting involved in situations that are not their concern



**Last book read:**

Paradise, by Toni Morrison

**Last movie watched:**

Enemy of the State

**Favorite T.V. show:**

The Hughleys

**Favorite song:**

I Believe I can Fly, Artist R. Kelly

**Inspirations:**

My mother and anyone who believes they can achieve the impossible

**Best Air Force memory:**

Being able to meet the Tuskegee Airmen and be a member of the Tuskegee Airmen Association

**What quality of life initiative would I like to see implemented?**

Increased pay for enlisted members who also have their degrees

**Future goals:**

To complete my masters degree by the year 2001

**Lifelong dream or ambition:**

To own my own enterprise

To submit an individual for the Hanscom Pride section, call Senior Airman Kevin Brooks, at 3-5115

## Hepatitis C

### What you need to know about the silent epidemic

**by Shannon Meyer**

Air Force Materiel Command  
 Public Affairs

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN)** —

The Air Force has joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in offering hepatitis C virus screening to individuals who received blood transfusions or organ donations prior to 1992.

Hepatitis C testing of donated blood started in 1990, but truly reliable testing was not available until 1992, said Col. (Dr.) Jerry Owen, chief of aerospace medicine at Air Force Materiel Command.

"We do not want to cause undue concern, but we need to ensure people who received a blood transfusion prior to 1992 are contacted," Owen said. "They need to be informed and tested."

Owen calls hepatitis C a "subtle virus" because people may have no symptoms of the virus until 10 to 20 years after it enters the body.

"The virus can cause a low-level infection in the liver that lasts for years," he said. "During that time, the infected person can spread it to others and not even know it."

Also, treatment of the chronic liver disease often lasts for years and can be costly.

The hepatitis C virus is becoming more widespread and, while most people have heard of it, most do not realize its danger, Owen said.

Almost five million people are infected, and it kills 25,000 people annually. Hepatitis C normally spreads from person to person through sexual activity and the sharing of needles.

Although not considered a major cause for spreading the disease, blood transfusions performed before purity tests were established

in 1992 had the possibility of infecting people, Owen said.

A few people have immune systems that can overcome the virus, but 85 percent of those infected develop a chronic infection that lurks in the body and can be spread to others. Most will suffer liver damage, particularly if they are ill from other diseases and some will develop severe damage requiring a liver transplant.

The number of hepatitis C infections in people who received blood transfusions before 1992 led hospitals to try to find patients who may have received contaminated blood, he said.

The Air Force has taken the first step by reviewing the records of blood donors and identifying possible contaminated blood donations, Owen said.

The next step is educating the public about hepatitis C and testing individuals who had transfusions or were organ recipients prior to 1992, he said.

*"We do not want to cause undue concern, but we need to ensure people who received a blood transfusion prior to 1992 are contacted. They need to be informed and tested."*

**-- Col. (Dr.) Jerry Owen**

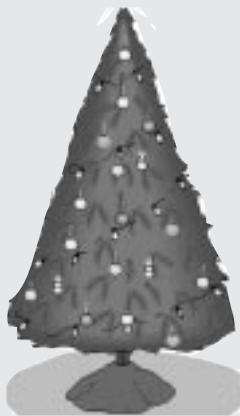
The insidious nature of hepatitis C and the great length of time before symptoms appear make it necessary for individuals to be tested for the disease.

People who received a transfusion or organ transplant prior to 1992 should contact their physician or public health representative and discuss testing and prevention.

"We cannot contact every at-risk person, so we are hoping people will hear our message and be motivated to protect themselves," said Owen.

## Boy Scouts sell Christmas Trees

Hanscom Boy Scout Troop 173 is holding its annual Christmas Tree sale again this year. The sale lot is located adjacent to the Base Exchange parking lot. The scouts will sell the trees until Dec. 23. The hours of operation are Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m., and Monday through Friday 4 to 7 p.m. Prices range from approximately \$15 to \$30. All proceeds go to Hanscom Boy scouting.



## Family Services to sponsor annual Holiday Cookie Drop

Family Services is still looking for volunteers to help in this year's Holiday Cookie Drop. The drop helps spread holiday cheer with the men and women of Hanscom who have to work, by delivering cookies to 24-hour workcenters Christmas Eve. People who can donate cookies must drop them off at the Family Support Center by 9 a.m. Dec. 24. Anyone interested in caroling and delivering cookies should meet at the center at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Call 3-4222 to sign up.



## Investigating causes of declined purchases

**by Lisa Hines**  
Alternate Agency Organization Program Coordinator

Occasionally transactions made with an International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card are declined at a merchant location. The merchant may not be provided with a reason but is either told that the purchase was declined or is asked to verify additional identifi-

cation. This is called a referral inquiry. Consider the following when troubleshooting reasons why your charge was declined:

1. Does your transaction exceed your single purchase limit?
2. Does your transaction exceed your billing official's monthly limit?
3. Are you authorized to purchase from this merchant?
4. If this is a phone or mail order, has the merchant input your correct

card number and/or expiration date? If merchants asks for your complete billing address make sure you give the correct one. The bank will be looking for an exact address. If you are still unsuccessful, give your agency or organization program coordinators a call. They will make every attempt to resolve the issue so your purchase can be approved.

## Family Support Center seeks volunteers

**by Connie Thompson**  
Volunteer Coordinator, FSC

The Family Support Center is offering people the opportunity to work, and make a difference in someone's life. Individuals volunteering will be given the chance to develop new skills as well as improve their community and make new friends. And if that's not enough, the FSC may help volunteers

help themselves by offering free child care and flexible hours by volunteering at Family Services. Family Services is the hub of activity for singles and families in the Hanscom community. "Worker-bee" and leadership positions are available in the areas of office, Lending Locker, ATTIC, brochures, welcoming, STRIPES, Layette and special projects. So, if you enjoy a challenge and want to be a part of a winning team, call 3-4222 and ask for Jacqui Thomas.

## Buckle up -- it's the law



## Making time...

*Leap second scheduled for Dec. 31*

**GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AFP)** — On Dec. 31, a leap second will be inserted into the world's Coordinated Universal Time scale, known as UTC, to keep it synchronized with the rotation of the Earth. The leap second will be added to the last minute before 7 p.m. EST, 6 p.m. CST, 5 p.m. MST and 4 p.m. PST, making that minute 61 seconds long.

This adjustment will be made to precise clocks all over the world that keep UTC time or local time based on UTC. In the United States, UTC is kept by the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the U.S. Naval Observatory.

See <http://www.boulder.nist.gov/timefreq/faq/faq.htm> for more information. You can call (303) 499-7111 to hear NIST's correct time announcement.

## MPF fact sheet explains enlisted promotion program

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPC)** - A new fact sheet about the Enlisted Promotion Program is now available at base military personnel flights and on the Internet.

This fact sheet is part of a continuing effort to inform people eligible for promotion to staff sergeant through master sergeant about the enlisted promotion program.

"Fact sheets for our senior non-commissioned officers have been published for many years," said Chief Master Sgt. Greg Haley, chief of the Enlisted Promotion and Military Testing Branch here.

"These fact sheets have aided immensely in helping our senior enlisted folks understand the program and how it works. Because of

the importance the Air Force places on our noncommissioned officer corps, we decided that we owe it to these professionals to get this type of information into their hands too."

Areas of interest covered on the fact sheet include promotion opportunity, eligibility criteria, responsibilities and data verification records. It also provides a list of frequently asked questions about the promotion program.

The fact sheet is available on the personnel center's World Wide Web Home Page (<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>).

For information, contact MPF's career enhancement 3-3638 or customer service sections at 3-2276.

## Is a chiropractor in the future of your Military health

by **Douglas J. Gillert**  
American Forces Press Service

**SAN ANTONIO (AFP)** — Are chiropractors in the Department of Defense's future?

Well, technically, they're here now.

In what could become a normal option for beneficiaries of military health care, DOD hired civilian chiropractors to demonstrate their profession at test sites around the country, including Wilford Hall Medical Center, at Lackland Air Force Base, here.

Although the demonstration began three years ago, Wilford Hall is one of three major service hospitals that entered the test this September. The others are the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md., and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, D.C. All three are involved in the Chiropractic Health Care Demonstration Program mandated by Congress in 1994 to find out if chiropractic medicine is feasible for the military.

Dr. Sue Bailey, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, will evaluate results of the demonstration and advise Congress by May 2000 if DOD wants to offer chiropractic medicine department-wide.

If patient interest here is any

indicator, chiropractic care could catch on fast.

"We maxed out the patient appointment line the first month and were seeing as many as 48 patients a day," said Jim Carlson, who administers the Wilford Hall program.

At all test sites, chiropractic appointments are available to locally-based active-duty service members and their families, and to retirees and their families located within 40 miles of the servicing hospital. No other doctor can have treated the patients for the condition warranting their visit to the chiropractor.

At Wilford Hall, 90 percent of the patients visiting Dr. Matthew Williams are active-duty service members. Since the first month, he and another chiropractor assigned here have been seeing up to 28 patients daily.

Chiropractic medicine involves manual and electronic manipulation and adjustment of the spine, Williams explained. And, because it doesn't involve the use of prescription drugs, Williams said, it's very appealing to pilots and other aircrew members who make up a large part of the military population in San Antonio.

Williams said he first evaluates

a new patient by taking an oral medical history. All patients also must agree to answer surveys that will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the demonstration. He defends chiropractic care as feasible for a number of ills.

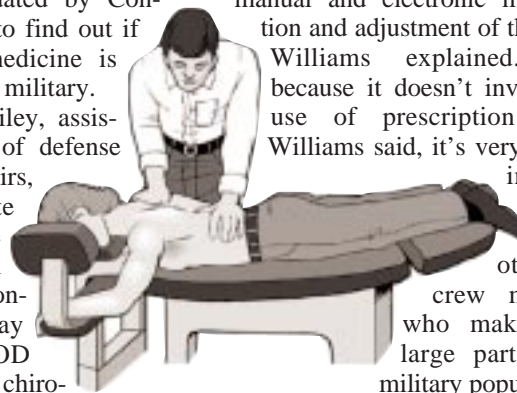
"The body's structure affects all bodily functions, and the base of the structure is the spinal column," he said. "If the spinal column is out of line, that's going to affect other parts of the body, from numbness in the finger tips to severe lower back pain. We try to re-establish proper structure. We don't treat symptoms, we treat causes."

The key to measuring the demonstration's success is the post-care, fourth-week survey, Williams said. "That's where we ask two important questions: 'how successful was the first meeting?' and 'how do you feel today?'," he said.

The neck and back patient load has dropped way off at other clinics, because they're coming here," Carlson said. And, if DOD bases its decision on the surveys, chiropractic care is highly desirable among beneficiaries, he said. "It's pretty popular."

Williams suggested that anyone considering chiropractic care should give it a try.

"Generally, alternative health care doesn't do any harm, and it may help," he said. "If patients have problems we can't treat, we will refer them to the proper specialist."



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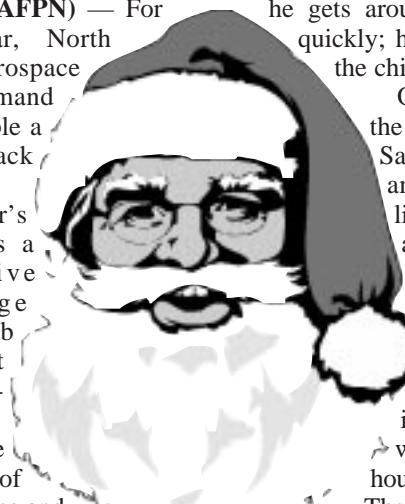
## Doing more than watching missiles

**NORAD tracks Santa**

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFP)** — For the 44th year, North American Aerospace Defense Command is offering people a chance to track Santa Claus.

This year's project features a comprehensive five-language multimedia web site at [www.noradsanta.org](http://www.noradsanta.org).

The web site has a variety of high-tech features and tackles numerous aspects of Santa Claus — including calculations of



cookie and milk consumption; how he gets around the world so quickly; how he gets down the chimney, etc.

On Christmas Eve, the page will track Santa using digital animation, satellite/cockpit images, and audio reports from Cheyenne Mountain — NORAD's Operations Command Center.

New images and reports will be posted hourly for 24 hours. The site is available

in English, French, Spanish, Italian and Japanese.

**Womens' club hosts holiday social**

All women are invited to join the Protestant Women of the Chapel for a holiday celebration Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Chapel Annex.

This one-hour meeting offers a chance to gather with other women from Hanscom for relaxation and fellowship. You will also hear a brief devotion from Rev. Barbara Groover, minister to women of the his-

toric St. Charles AME Church in Boston. Christmas cookies, a vegetable tray, chicken salad cream puffs and homemade bread will be provided by the chapel.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend or two to this joyous holiday event celebrating the birth of Jesus. Contact Chap. (Maj.) Gary Smith at 3-3538 for information.

**Honor Guard Spotlight****In the spotlight for "A" flight:  
Staff Sgt. Benjamin Bijole**

When asked why he joined the Honor Guard, Bijole replied with the following:

Seeing the base Honor Guard perform at a POW/MIA ceremony on base a couple years ago, standing sharp and crisp in their ceremonial uniforms, I was impressed by the team work, professionalism and dedication displayed. I wanted to be a part of that team and to pay honor to the women, men and their families, of our elite Air Force, who have dedicated a part of their life to protect and defend this great nation we live in today.



What the Honor Guard means to me is written in the Air Force Honor Guard Creed. "I am a proud member of the Base Honor Guard. My standards of conduct and high level of professionalism place me above all others in my service. I have earned the right to wear the ceremonial uniform, one which is honored in a rich tradition and history. I am superbly conditioned to perfect all movements throughout every drill and ceremony. The level at which I perform will never be dictated by the type of ceremony, the severity of the temperature, nor the size of the crowd. I am constantly driven to excel by a strong sense of dedication that runs deeper than patriotism. While on ceremonies, I stand sharp and crisp, motionless by choice, for I have voluntarily chosen to represent every member past and present of the United States Air Force. I am a Ceremonial Guardsman."

**In the spotlight for "C" flight:  
2nd Lt. Joe Cox**

When asked why he joined the Honor Guard, Cox replied with the following:

My grandfather was one of the best people the Earth has ever seen. He taught me to do things most kids are never taught these days. Say "sir" or "ma'am" to an elder, take off your hat when you are indoors or talking to a lady, put your hand over your heart when you hear the National Anthem, and always respect the Stars and Stripes.



The last people to say goodbye to my grandfather were the Navy Honor Guard members, folding the flag once draped over his casket, rendering a sharp firing party, and thanking him for his 20 years of service to our country. I was very proud of my grandfather that day, and honored for the respect our country had shown to him after his passing. These memories are what instilled in me a calling to serve. He passed away several years before I earned my commission, but at every funeral I participate in as a member of the Patriot Honor Guard, I feel as though I am back at that other funeral held 11 years ago for the best man on Earth.

At the least, I am thankful to be able to show respect to a loyal generation that served with my grandfather.

**The People Speak****What is your favorite place to have lunch?****Paul D. Ferguson****Hometown:** Londonderry, N.H.*The Lincoln Lab "A" cafe.***Gil Ferri****Hometown:** Andover, Mass.*The Lincoln Lab cafe for Friday lunch.***Bob Longton****Hometown:** Berkley, Mass.*The Lincoln Lab "A" cafe, the Yangtze River in Lexington or the Officers' Club.***Roslyn Wesley****Hometown:** Nashua, N.H.*The Great Wall in Lexington. It has great food.***Colleen M. Palmer****Hometown:** Wakefield, Mass.*The Great Wall. It has dependable, consistent food and handles large groups well.***R. Ashworth****Hometown:** Stoneham, Mass.*The Lincoln Lab cafeteria. The food is good, prices are right and it has a good atmosphere.*



# Calendar of Events

## Monday

### Menorah lighting

The Menorah lighting ceremony will be held on the Chapel lawn Monday at 4 p.m.

## Upcoming and Weeklies

### Price increase

Civilian retailers experienced a significant increase in the cost of cigarettes from the industry this week. AAFES and the Commissary will implement similar increases in the next few weeks. Ceiling sell prices for all locations worldwide will increase. AAFES will use local surveys in order to stay competitive.

### Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis

The next two chapter meetings will address related topics.

Dec. 18, at 11:30 a.m. in the Officers' Club Daedalian Room, Maj. John Driessnack, chief of Financial Management branch of ESC Center Operations Office, will discuss Value Chain Efforts at ESC. Respond by Wednesday to Doug Schwalm at 3-4962.

Also, Jan. 26, at the O-Club (Concord Room), Lt. Col. Jeanette Heidmann, director of AWACS Financial Management, will speak on the Activity Based Costing Pilot Program.

### Mens Base Volleyball

Anyone intersted in trying out for or coaching the men's base volleyball team should call Staff Sgt. Chris Asuncion at 3-3353 or 3-2752.

### Holiday commissary hours

Dec. 21 -- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec. 24 -- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed for Christmas

Dec. 26 -- 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Patriot Dining Facility

The weekday hours of the facility are as follows:

Breakfast — 6 to 8 a.m.

Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner — 4 to 6 p.m.

Weekend and holiday hours:

Brunch — 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Supper — 4 to 6 p.m.

### Friday

Lunch: salisbury steak, spicy baked fish\*

Dinner: chicken nuggets, vegetarian pizza\*

### Saturday

Brunch: chicken Kiev, Creole spaghetti\*

Supper: beef and corn pie, chicken lo-mein\*

### Sunday

Brunch: ham, macaroni, tomato casserole, teriyaki chicken\*

Supper: stuffed green pepper, lemon turkey with pasta\*

### Monday

Lunch: sloppy joe, broccoli,

chicken spud casserole \*

Dinner: vegetable chow mein\*, roast loin of pork \*

### Tuesday

Lunch: tomato meatloaf, grilled mustardy chicken breast\*

Dinner: barbecued meatballs, savory baked chicken\*

### Wednesday

Lunch: beef enchiladas, tacos

Dinner: smothered steak, vegetable quiche

### Thursday

Lunch: vegetarian eggplant casserole, chicken enchiladas\*

Dinner: tuna cakes, turkey risotto\*

Items listed with an "\*" are "Check it Out" Healthy items. For information on the Patriot Dining Facility or the menu, contact Master Sgt. Harold Warnett at 3-2189. NOTE: Menu items subject to change.

## Hanscom School Menu

### Monday

Hamburger or cheeseburger, corn chips, veggie sticks, fresh fruit

### Tuesday

Pasta shells with cheese and tomato sauce, Italian bread, green beans, fruit

### Thursday

Ham and cheese on roll, French fries, veggie sticks, fruit, cookies

### Friday

Sliced turkey, mashed potato with gravy, sweet peas, cranberry sauce, roll, hoodsie

### Air Force Academy appointments

Troubled by the high cost of tuition? The Air Force may have the ticket for your college degree.

The Leaders Encouraging Airman Development phase one program is offering appointments to the Air Force Academy for qualifying airmen until Jan. 31.

In recent years less than half of the authorizations have been awarded due to a lack of qualified applicants.

This year there are 85 allocations directly to the Academy. Applicants whose standardized test scores do not merit direct entry to the Academy can apply for one of the 50 allocations to the Air Force Academy Preparatory School.

Airmen wishing to apply must meet several standards. Applicants must be single and under 23 years old for direct entry to the Academy and 22 years old for entry to the Preparatory School.

In addition, airmen must meet the required score for the Scholastic Aptitude Test or American College Test, and the Candidate Fitness Test. The applicant's commander must also certify that the applicant is of high moral character.

To apply or get information about this program call the Education Office at 3-3120.

### Volunteers needed

Put your expertise to work, and make a difference in someone's life. You might even develop new skills.

Either way, you'll certainly improve your community and make new friends. And if that's not enough, we help you help us by offering free child care and flexible hours - all this by volunteering at Family Services.

"Worker-bee" and leadership positions are available in the areas of office, lending locker, attic, brochures, welcoming, stripes, layette and special projects. If you enjoy a challenge and want to be a part of a winning team, call 3-4222 and ask for either Connie Thompson or Jacqui Thomas.

### USO of New England

The USO offers free discounted tickets to theaters, sporting events, concerts and museums, comedy clubs, galleries and special events.

People can visit the free USO VIP lounge at Logan International Airport in terminal C seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Also people can use the free USO Cyber Café at United States Coast Guard ISC, 427 Commercial Street, Boston.

For information call (617)-720-4949 or E-mail .

### Housing office closure

The Family Housing office will be closed every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. for staff meeting and training. Emergency service can be handled by calling 3-4590.

For information call Kim Kintzel, housing manager at 3-3387.

### Civil Engineering Environmental Flight

Household hazardous waste turn-in is from 8 to 9 a.m. every Tuesday. This turn-in is available for both on-base residents and base organizations.

For information contact 1st Lt. Brian MacDonald at 3-4888.

### Computer Based Training arrives at Hanscom

The Communications and Information Division Training Office provides computer based training courses to all government personnel assigned to Hanscom.

This program will allow you to download a training course to your computer and take the course at your convenience. The office has more than 100 courses available covering areas such as Windows NT, Microsoft Office, UNIX, and networking fundamentals. To establish an account contact the SC Training Office 3-1253.

## Colonial



## Theater

**Friday 7:30 p.m. PRACTICAL MAGIC** - In a small contemporary New England town, two sisters in a family of conjurers who've been cursed for 100 years, struggle to use their hereditary gift of guiding fate through practical magic to overcome the obstacles in discovering true love. **PG-13** (some violence, intense thematic elements, sensuality) **110 min** Starring: **Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman**



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**Saturday 7:30 p.m. - THE WIZARD OF OZ** - Dissatisfied with her life on her aunt and uncle's Kansas farm, Dorothy is attempting to run away when a twister strikes. Dorothy is knocked unconscious and, more amazingly, the entire house with Dorothy and Toto inside is lifted into the funnel cloud and deposited in Munchkin City, in the County of the Land of Oz. **G, 119 min** Starring: **Judy Garland, Frank Morgan**

**Sunday 7:30 p.m. SOLDIER** - In the future, battles are fought by men who have been selected at birth, stripped of their individuality, separated from society and raised with overriding opinion: kill or be killed. **R** (strong violence, brief language) **98 min** Starring: **Kurt Russell, Jason Scott Lee**

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Schedule is subject to change without notice. Call 3-7940 for movie information.



# Happenings

## Parenting

❑ **New parents group** will be held at the Family Support Center Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Maj. Debra Ritrovato, pediatric nurse at the base Clinic, will discuss general health issues.

## Employment Assistance

❑ **Transitioning from a military to a civilian career** will be held at the Family Support Center from Tuesday to Dec. 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This four-day workshop is designed to assist voluntarily and involuntarily separating or retiring service members make a successful career transition. Civilian clothing is suggested. Spouses are welcome.

❑ **Veterans' benefits counseling** will be held at the Family Support Center Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. One-on-one counseling is provided to transitioning service members to answer questions about veterans' benefits. Call 3-4222 for an appointment.

❑ **Job Search Networking Group** will be held at the Family Support Center on Mondays, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join this group to sharpen your job search skills and share techniques that work.

## Fitness Enhancement

❑ **Healthy living class: "Take care of yourself"** will be held at the HAWC Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m. Learn to become a better health care consumer and learn how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Call 3-6560 to register.

❑ **Verbal conflict resolution** is a two-part communication seminar held at the HAWC Wednesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon on how to avoid communication breakdown and move toward problem solving. Call 3-6560 to register.

❑ **Video: "Addictive patterns: stress and negative coping patterns"** will be shown Dec. 18 from noon to 12:45 p.m. Registration not required.

## Hanscom Schools

❑ Special education tutors, aides and substitutes needed. Hanscom schools invites qualified candidates to apply for full-time or part-time position for special education tutors, aides and substitutes. Education certification preferred. Tutor salary \$18.16 per hour. For information call Trudy Sack at 781-274-6178 extension 272.

❑ The cafeteria also has openings for workers, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information call Maria Barker at 781-274-9640.

## Education Center, Bldg. 1728, 3-2021

❑ The **DPE testing** policy requires students to arrive on time for scheduled test sessions.

All students taking exams should arrive a minimum of 15 minutes prior to test time. Doors will be closed at exactly 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and no one will be allowed to enter.

❑ The Airman Scholarship Commission-

ing Program for all eligible enlisted program is expanding. Specifically, they will offer twice the number of scholarships starting with the coming spring 1999 board for a total of 100 offers each year.

In addition, the technical vs. non-technical mix will be 75 percent technical and 25 percent non-technical. What does this mean? Opportunities to receive an ASCP scholarship offer for enlisted personnel have just doubled. Opportunities for non-technical majors have risen dramatically.

Enlisted personnel interested in applying for ASCP should schedule an appointment through education services at 3-3120.

❑ **Intermediate Spanish** (continuation of elementary Spanish currently held at MITRE) will be offered Jan. 12 to March 4, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1130 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Education and Training Center, Classroom F.

**Elementary Spanish** (repeat of course currently held at MITRE) will be Jan. 12 to March 4, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Education Center, Classroom F.

**Elementary Japanese** (oriented towards communication in business and government) will be offered Jan. 11 to March 3, Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 to 1 p.m. at the Education Center, Classroom F.

Each course is two credit hours and costs \$500. Tuition assistance is available for qualified military and civilian personnel.

Registration will be Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. in the main lobby of the Education and Training Center.

For information, call the Education Center at 3-3120.

## Air Force Sergeants Association

❑ The Air Force Sergeants Association holds its monthly meeting the last Thursday of every month at 12:30 p.m. in the Enlisted Club. The meeting is a working

lunch and is open to all ranks.

For information, call Harold at 3-3748 or Robinson at 271-5818.

## Patriot Enlisted Association

❑ Next meeting will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Enlisted Club when elections will be held for the 1999 Executive Council. This is the meeting you do not want to miss. If you are interested in, or would like to nominate someone for, the position of president, vice president, secretary or treasurer, please call Senior Airman Matthew Knoll at 3-4710.

## Company Grade Officers' Council

❑ Congratulations to the CGOC's new officers for 1999, and thanks to everyone who ran.

President: 1st Lt. Marty Mears

VP: Capt. Nicole DeCollibus

Treas: 2nd Lt. Mike McGinley

Exec: 2nd Lt. Pete Modigliani

Asst Exec: 2nd Lt. Stan Masek

❑ Check out the council's Centernet web site, <http://esc.hanscom.af.mil/CGOC/orgCGOC.htm>. It is accessible only within Hanscom. This site serves primarily as a functional site for Hanscom's CGOs.

Anyone with ideas or suggestions about the site should contact Mears at 186-2673.

## Officers' Wives' Club

❑ The OWC and services will co-sponsor the annual Children's Holiday Party Saturday at the Hanscom Youth Center. The party will be from 1 to 4 p.m. The event will feature crafts, face painting and refreshments as well as an opportunity to get a picture with Santa. The party is free and open to all Hanscom children. For

## Religious Activities

### Chapel, Bldg. 1603, 3-3538

❑ **Catholic masses:** Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 and 11 a.m. and weekdays at 12:05 p.m.

❑ **Protestant worship:** general Protestant Service — Sundays at 9 a.m.; Gospel Service — Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Jewish services:** the first and third Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Eastern Orthodox:** for information contact Tech. Sgt. James M. Boubonis at 274-8714.

❑ **For information** on chapel services, call 3-3538 or 3-3539.

information, call Lisa Bednar at 863-8387.

## Enlisted Wives' Club

❑ The members of the Enlisted Wives' Club invite eligible people to attend the general membership meeting in the Tuskegee Dining Room at the Patriot Enlisted Club on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Meetings are open to all spouses of enlisted personnel and all enlisted military personnel, married or single. The EWC is involved in many community activities at Hanscom and has fundraisers to help support the community. The group enjoys many social activities and outings throughout the year. Experience the friendship and support that the EWC has to offer.

For information concerning the EWC and membership, contact Tricia Kemens, president, at 275-9431, or Marty Rockenstire, membership chairperson, at 274-7948.

## Boy Scouts

❑ Hanscom Boy Scout Troop 173 is holding its annual Christmas Tree sale. Sales are taking place adjacent to the BX parking lot through Dec. 23. Hours of operation are Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m., and Monday through Friday 4 to 7 p.m. Prices will range from approximately \$15 to \$30. All proceeds from the sale of trees go to Hanscom Boy Scouting.

## People's Corner

### Air Force Research Lab

Happy birthday to Staff Sgt. Sam Parmes, Master Sgt. Gwen Lamura, Geoff Kempner, Maj. Robert Johnson and Mike Currie. Farewell to Staff Sgt. Sam Parmes.

### Expeditionary Forces Experiment (ESC/FX)

Happy birthday to Cliff Banner, Fred Heneberry and Mary Adams. Congratulations to Capt. Ryan Funkhouser and wife Michelle on the birth of their daughter Rylee Jean.

### Global Air Traffic Operations Mobility C2 (GATO/MC2)

Happy birthday to Paul Donoghue, Dick St. Jean, 2nd Lt. Shane Hupp,

George Borrelli, Joyce Glavin, Mike Sweat and Melanie MacLaird. Farewell and good luck to Lt. Col. Kurt Starr, Allorria Harris and Rick Wyatt. Welcome to John Yoder and Barry Irwin.

### Information Operations (IY)

Happy birthday to Christine Malachowski, Staff Sgt. Mike Schupp, Jim Sickler, 1st Lt. Ben Glazer, JoAnne McMahon, Marylou Klonoski, Dick Attardo, Matt Foster, and Frank West. Congratulations to Capt. Tracey and Damon Swope on their new baby Ryan. Welcome to 1st Lt. Terri Gonderman, our new AC2A liaison, and 1st Lt. Greg Sawyer. Farewell to Leo Lavarney and 1st Lt. Quy Nguyen who have taken new jobs on base. Condolences for Pam Jones and her family on the passing away of her mother.

### Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (JS)

Happy birthday to John Bruno,

Mariah Houton, Lt. Col. Patrick Marr, James Szabo, Dan Eramo, Capt Wendy Fraser, Robert LeBeouf, Michael Husted, Maj. Susan Thi-bodeau and Stephen Giorgio.

### 66th Medical Group(SG)

Happy birthday to Lt. Col. Sally Glover, Capt. Melanie Carino, Capt. Melody Vinson, Master Sgt. Joseph Mulhern, Tech. Sgt. Jay Soileau, Staff Sgt. Teresa Norlin, Staff Sgt. Les Davis, Staff Sgt. John Hivner, Staff Sgt. Earl Farrell, Staff Sgt. Jason Danieli, Senior Airman Cindy Musial, Senior Airman Latasha George, Senior Airman Jammie Mclean, Senior Airman Dave Kimberling and Senior Airman Bill Johnston.

Welcome to Operations Squadron Superintendent Master Sgt. Rick Goelzhauser. Congratulations to Senior Airman Jammie and Desiree Mclean on the birth of their son Jullien Louis-James Mclean.





# Services

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## What's Happening in Services

### Veterinary Clinic

**Bldg. 1219, 3-3266**

□ **Annual Pet Registration** will be during the month of January for the 1999 calendar year. Remember, failure to keep your pet current on vaccinations and registration may result in loss of pet and/or base housing privileges.

### Outdoor Recreation

**Bldg. 1531, 3-5316**

□ Don't forget to use Outdoor Recreation for your shipping needs during the holiday season! We ship UPS ground, 2nd day air, next day air and 3 day select. Packages 70 pounds and under are accepted. Call for more information.

□ Make your holiday event more fun! Rent a Santa suit for \$30 per day or an elf suit for \$5 per day. Reservations and a \$10 deposit preferred.

□ Ask us about our "Frequent Skier Program" for the upcoming ski season.

□ We now have wool sweaters for sale at \$35 each and hooded jackets at \$30. They make a great gift!

□ Planning a big family get-together during the holidays? Do you have enough tables and chairs? If not, contact us for table and chair rentals. Don't wait until it's too late!

### Base Library

**Bldg. 1530, 3-2177**

□ **Story Time** for children takes place every Tuesday, 10:15 to 11 a.m. Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to join us for stories and craft activities.

□ Library hours through Dec. 31 are as follows: Mon., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tues. through Thurs., 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on Sundays.

### Youth Center

**Bldg. 1993, 3-3739**

□ **Youth Center Memberships.** Did you know it's only \$25 a year to join the Youth Center? Get in on the fun at a price that's affordable. Annual membership is for ages 9 to 18.

### Fitness and Sports

**Bldg. 1548, 3-3639**

□ The Fitness and Sports Center offers 17 **aerobic classes** each week. Stop by or call for schedule and details of class levels

and times.

□ **Taekwondo** classes are Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classes are free and open to all personnel.

□ **Therapeutic Massage** is now offered at the Fitness and Sports Center. Sessions are available from 6 a.m. to noon on Mondays. Cost is \$50 per hour or \$30 per half hour.

### CDC, Bldg. 1994, 3-

**7166**

□ **Hourly Care** for children 6 weeks to age 5. Call one week in advance for reservations. Space is limited and available to first come, first served. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

□ **Caregiver positions** are available. For more information call the Human Resource office at 3-8741.

□ No waiting list for children over three years who need full day care. Call us for details.

□ **Parents Advisory Council** The CDC continues to look for parents to join our Parents Advisory group. Get involved in your child's future ... call us today!

### Family Child Care

**Bldg. 1994, 3-1280**

□ Love working with children? Want to be your own boss and set your own hours? Then give the Family Child Care office a call and learn more about becoming a Family Child Care provider.

### Hanscom Lanes

**Bldg. 1531, 3-2237**

□ Hanscom Lanes is smoke free five days a week: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, all day.

□ **YABA Junior Bowling** registrations are now being accepted for children ages 5 to 19. Registration is \$7.25 plus \$4.50 per week for bowling which includes shoe rental. For additional information contact the bowling center at 3-2237.

□ **Bowling Bingo** runs daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Win up to \$1,000. Only \$1 per chance.

□ **Turkey Shoot** luncheon bowling Dec. 22 and 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$6 per entry, multiple entries allowed. Turkeys will be awarded at 4 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 23.

□ **Family Bowling** is back on Saturdays. Choose from 3 to 5 p.m. or 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$7 per lane for two hours of bowling.

□ **Glow Bowling**, Dec. 12 Christmas Tournament for adult and youth and a special Christmas Glow Bowling on Dec. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Make it a fun night for the whole family and don't forget to bring a friend.

□ **King/Queen of the Hill Tournament** is Dec. 19. Start time is 7:30 p.m. Call for registration information.

### Swimming Pool

**Bldg. 1550, 3-2455**

□ Pool hours are Mon. through Fri., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (adult laps) and 4 to 7 p.m. and Sat. from noon to 6 p.m. The pool is closed on Sundays and holidays.

□ Want to be a certified lifeguard? If you are interested and 15 or older, call the pool for more information.

□ Swim lessons are held Tuesday and Thursday at 3 and 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 per person. Call the pool for more information.

### Tickets and Tours

**Bldg. 1535, 3-3262**

Tours, plays and more! Coming attractions include: **Radio City Music Hall "Christmas Spectacular"** Dec. 13 and 14, \$291 per person, double occupancy; **Boston Pops Christmas Show** at the Worcester Centrum Dec. 13, 1:30 p.m., \$30 each; **The King and I**, Dec. 18 at the Repertory Theater, includes transportation and luncheon; cost is \$44 each. **Sesame Street Live**, Worcester Centrum, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. and Dec 20 at 12:30 p.m.; \$11 per ticket; **Anastasia On Ice** at the Fleet Center, Dec. 26, 27 and 29; \$23.50; **New Year's Eve in Montreal**, Dec. 30 to Jan 1, \$269 per person, double occupancy; **Taj Mahal Casino and Resort**, Jan. 10-12, 1999: \$109 per person double occupancy; **Victor Victoria** at the Colonial on January 10, 1999; \$64.75. Pick up your discount cinema tickets today! All passes are only \$5.50 each. Makes a great gift!

## Club Happenings

### Patriot Enlisted Club, 3-2123

□ First Friday of the month, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Food, fun, music and prizes.  
□ Join us for Tuesday night dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. \$9 for adult members and \$12 for eligible non-members. A children's menu is available for \$4.50.

□ Wednesday Night Buffet is 5 to 7 p.m. This is the best deal in town! \$6.95 for adult members, \$3.95 for kids. Surcharge applies.

□ Thursday Lunch Buffet, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$5.50 per person, surcharge applies.

□ Karaoke Dec. 17 from 7 to 10 p.m. and Boss 'N Buddy Night is Dec. 18 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

□ Everyone is invited to enjoy the Tuskegee Airmen Room at the Enlisted Club. As a reminder, the Tuskegee Airmen Room is a designated non-smoking area.

□ Bingo every Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. A chance to win over \$300 in cash.

□ Club Card Drawing every Friday night. Win instant cash from the last four numbers of your club card. You must be present to win. If there is no winner, the pot will increase by \$25 each week. Special drawing on Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. Call us for details.

□ New Year's Eve celebration, Dec. 31 from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dinner buffet from 6 to 8 p.m. Breakfast from midnight to 1 a.m. Dance to Deuces Wild in the ballroom and a D.J. in the lounge. \$22 for members and \$28 for nonmembers. Please call for reservations.

### Officers' Club, 3-3799

□ Start your day with us, every weekday morning from 7 to 9 a.m. for specialty coffees, bagels, muffins and more. Open to all base personnel.

□ Come and enjoy a great lunch of steak, baked potato or fries, salad, vegetable and more for only \$6 (members only please) every Thursday during lunch. Regular price is \$12.50 for all nonmembers regardless of eligibility.

□ Steak Night every Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

□ Club Catering Services are available for that special party or function. Call Karen Cardoos at 3-9694 for more information. Call now to reserve your holiday functions!

□ New Year's Eve celebration, Dec. 31. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Featuring In Harmony in the lounge and Linmax in the ballroom. Dinner Buffet served from 7 to 9 p.m. Breakfast from 1 to 2 a.m. \$36 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. Please call for reservations.

### Water Aerobics at Pool

The Town of Bedford is offering water aerobics classes Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. beginning Jan. 9. Cost is \$70 for 10 weeks or \$4 per class. Registration will run Jan. 4 to 16. For more information call Jay Simmons at 3-2455.

### New club card coming your way in February!

The club card is getting a new look. Beginning this February, all club members will receive a new account number. This card replaces your current club card, which will no longer be valid. The change is a result of First USA Bank's acquisition of our current financial institution, First BankCard Center. There will be no disruption in normal service and balances will automatically rollover to your new account. Watch for your new card in the mail and enjoy the privileges of your club membership.



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Purchase annual Greens Fee Card now through Dec. 24 and receive 10 percent off your next Golf Shop purchase. In addition to a full selection of golf equipment and apparel, gift certificates may be purchased in any amount. The Golf Shop is open through Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All golf accessories and golf balls are on sale for those last minute holiday gifts for the golfer on your list. All sets of men's and women's golf clubs are marked down.